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Applicant: Huang, Tim Hui-Ming
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PETITION TO ACCORD NONPROVISIONAL
APPLICATION WITH A FILING DATE

Sir:

In response to the *Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application*, dated May 8, 2002, indicating that the following items a) Figures 12-57 and b) Sequence listing on diskette, appear to have been omitted, Applicant hereby petitions and states the following:

With respect to a) above, Figures 12-57 mentioned in the specification were, in fact, not included. This was intentional because of the fact that these figures are not only redundant with the sequence listing originally filed, but did not conform to Patent Office procedure for handling of sequence listings as indicated in the prosecution history of the priority parent application. Thus, the subject matter of Figures 12-57 was, and is, represented in the originally filed sequence listing of this continuation application.

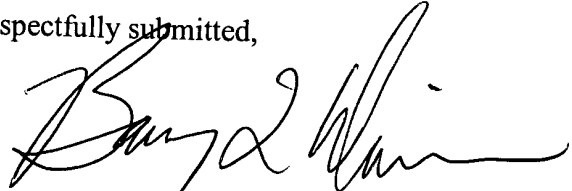
With respect to b) above, Applicant contends that the two compact disks and floppy diskette which contained the sequence listing were, in fact, provided. A photocopy of the fronts of these compact disks, floppy diskette and postcard indicating receipt are enclosed. The sequences on the originally submitted disks were not in PatentIn format but were nonetheless identical copies of the sequence listing of record, and accepted, in the underlying parent application.

We again enclose two compact disks and one floppy diskette of the sequence listing, this time in PatentIn 3.1 format, in order to facilitate the Patent Office's handling of these files. No paper copy of the sequence listing is submitted due to size.

NO NEW MATTER HAS BEEN ADDED. All sequences were present in the originally filed materials (sequence listing), and in the parent of this continuation application. Applicant respectfully requests that the accorded filing date of 02/21/2002 be affirmed in view of the present response to allegedly omitted items.

A check in the amount of \$130 is enclosed to cover the petition fee. No further fee is believed due. However, please charge any additional fees due to Deposit Account 04-0258 of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP. A copy of this petition is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry L. Davison", written over a horizontal line.

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